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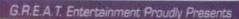


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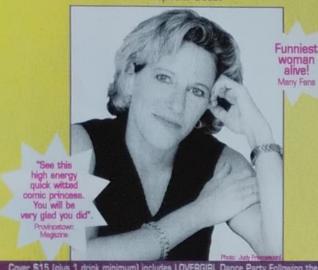


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AUDIT PENDING

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You know, there are times when we just love New York so much that we're ready to wear our old Big Apple T-shirts (well, almost). And guess what, this was one of those weeks. Yes, there's still all that traffic, the dog shit on the sidewalks. swarms of tourists and the throngs of Chelsea queens in virtually every nice store at this time of year. But, there's also all the good stuff that makes up for itparties, clubs, music and plays!

Only in New York could you find the likes of Jerry Springer and Ivana Trump emceeing the same affair. This was the scene at Lucky Cheng's on Wednesday night where birthday boy and Village Voice columnist Michael Musto was feted by a revolving door of his big-name friends. Honestly, we couldn't decide whether this was a birthday party or just another publicity event for Springer as sassy drag waitresses passed out copies of the infamous talk-show host's new book, Ringmaster!, all night long. Anyway, some of our favorite New York City divas were in attendance, including Miss Understood and Hedda Lettuce, who entertained the crowd with the parody ditty "Drugs Will Keep Us Together." Seen: Robin Leach; Misstress Formika; Robin Byrd; Guillermo Diaz; Jeffrey Newton: Liev Schreiber: Michael Greenberg: Wendy Kaufman ("The Snapple Lady"); Eleanor Mondale; Patrick McMullan; Sylvia Miles; Margaret Whiting and Jack Wrangler; Rona Jaffe; Quentin Crisp; Jaid Barrymore; Bebe Buell; George Whipple; Richard Mineards; Frank DeCaro; Dean Johnson: Perfidia; Princess Diandra; Amanda Lapore: Lypsinka; Kevin Aviance; Victoria Weston; Baby Jane Doe; and many others. Several exotic dancers from Scores even gave Springer, the one-time mayor of Cincinnati, his very own lap dance. Guess they have to find work somewhere in our fair city.

On Friday night, we caught another one of our favorite queer stars, this time it was Lea DeLaria in On the Town. And despite our usual cynicism toward musicals, we loved it! The Gershwin Theatre was packed with an assortment of gay men, lesbians, theater lovers and senior citizens on vacation. We had heard that Lea had a great set of lungs on her, and we discovered that was an understatement. Her booming voice that we're so familiar with cracking jokes sounded terrific belting out several of the play's wellknown songs. And she even dancedquite well, in fact. The talent of her costars-Jesse Tyler Ferguson (he reminded us a little of Carrot Top without all the hair), Robert Montano, Sarah Knowlton and Perry Laylon Ojeda-made the musical complete. Plus, the sexy Tai Jimenez, who played Ivy Smith, was great eye-candy. Her ballet training was apparent as she pirouetted her way through the show, often in tiny little outfits that nicely displayed her lithe body. The second act had DeLaria dressed in a fuchsia ball gown with ruffles and puff sleeves that made her dykieness even more apparent than ever-and made us laugh hysterically. And although it didn't bother us to watch her making out with a guy, we wondered what her girlfriend thought.

Later on, we showed up at Lion's Den for singer/songwriter Spring's CD-release bash. On hand to support this one-time Broadway baby-she's performed in Grease, Bye-Bye Birdie and numerous AIDS benefits-were Jesse Volt; Paulina; Joe Posa as Liza Minnelli; Ariel Sinclair; Todd Daily; and nearly 120 friends and fans. This talented pretty lady performed her entire album, and without so much as a yawn, continued the party at a friend's carriage house in the Village. There, amid the Japanese garden, Life DJ Dink spun for the Lion's Den transplants and a gaggle of latecomers.

We checked out "Scared Stiff," one of the programs of the MIX Festival on Saturday, and we must say that the quality of films being shown was quite impressive. Within a queer context, we felt that we were getting a glimpse of the future Spike Lee's and Quentin Tarantino's! The crowd was a fresh mix of young, cute and intelligent gay boys and girls. Bravo!

For more cute girls (you know, we're always on the lookout), we went to Acme Underground for Fragglerock. Sexpod was fabulous as usual (Did we ever mention what a huge crush we have on Alice?), as was the house band-which consisted of Sarah Greenwood, Anne Hairston, LP from Lionfish and Allegra and Sarah from Motorchronic. The bands jammed louder than ever in order to compete with the union protest that was going on outside due to the restaurant's treatment of its employees (not a good place to eat right now). Melissa was looking even sexier than usual dancing in a devil costume she made herself. All that and domestic, too! Spotted: Teresa, Hillary, Christina, Patricia, Julia, Irene, Natalie and many of the Henrietta Hudson girls.

After recovering from our rock-and-roll night, we slept in and got up just in time to catch the matinee of Sharon Hayes' one-person show, The Lesbian, which we thought was to be the last show of the run. We were fooled, though. The show was extended for four more shows, so you can still catch it. The house was packed by queer women (surprising, isn't it?). such as Theresa from the latest issue of On Our Backs. While most of the audience laughed appreciatively throughout the show, we were disappointed-or maybe we were just hung over.

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#### **FRIDAY DECEMBER 4**

#### "Damage & Desire"

Present Company Theatorium, 198 Stanton St, 420-8877, 10pm, \$12. Even if this title describes a few too many of your relationships, don't let that keep you from going. Five Bucks Unleaded presents an encore production of Kate Moira Ryan's satire on gay and lesbian journalism.

#### Miss Coco's Big Birthday Bash

Escuelita, 301 W 39th St, 631-0588, 10pm, \$7 before midnight/\$8 after. Join the girls of Her/She Bar tonight as they sing the body electric and toast their favorite go-go girl Coco on her birthday. So put on your sexiest duds, because there's bound to be some serious grinding at Escuelita tonight.

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 5

#### F.I.T. the Bill

Fashion Institute of Technology, W 27th St (Eighth Ave), 620-7310, 9pm-1am, \$8.

Dress the part and head over to the club alternative presented by the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. You get a fierce mixed party featuring the beats of DJ Nadine Andre and all the babes you could ask for.

#### "Lavender Lunacy"

Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center, 1 Little W 12th St, 989-8549, 8:30pm, \$10.

Most of us can probably agree that anything that invokes the word lavender is sheer lunacy. But don't let that deter you from checking out this lesbian variety show, featuring Marilyn Galfin, Barbara Kahn and Ronni Saunders.

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## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 °



Join us at Borders Books and Music as author Paul Kent Dorn signs copies of Dining With the Stars (Pocket Books), a collection of celebrity recipes. Joining him will be Melba Moore, who will sign the book and copies of her new CD Solitary Journey. Proceeds from sales of the book go to AIDS Project Los Angeles.

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#### LoverGirl

Catch, 253 W 28th St, 631-1000, 9:30pm, \$5 before 10:30pm/\$8 before midnight/\$10 after.

The babes at LoverGirl keep the action coming at their new home. Meet Erica Schmidt, star of the play Brandon Teena, and director Leigh Silverman and enter to win tickets. Guest DJ Trini joins Kris Spirit on the wheels.

#### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 6**

#### Dyke TV Benefit

Fez, 380 Lafayette St, 343-9335, 8pm, \$25, \$50, \$100. You cannot afford to miss this benefit reading of Sarah Schulman's new play, starring a riot of cult figures, including Hilton Als, Justin Bond, Kate Bornstein, Nora Burns, Maggie Moore, Bina Sharif, Jocelyn Taylor and others.

#### Hostage

Jet Lounge, 286 Spring St (Varick St), 330-8165, 10pm, \$8. Do you feel the need to be restrained? Does your ideal evening lean toward a wine me, dine me, gag and bind me scenario? Well then, you're just the girl that Aspara is looking for as it presents Hostage, a tie-me-up evening of hard progressive house with DJs CJ Peak and Curve. Fetish boutique London supplies the restraints for the sexy dancers and the wicked women of Aspara provide an open bar from 10-11pm.

#### MONDAY DECEMBER 7

#### How About a Bang?

Sanctuary Lounge, 444 Seventh Ave, 718-832-9800, 10pm, free. Whatever your angle—whether you're a Manhattan girl looking to escape the madness and mingle with outerborough cuties, or you're a Brooklyn babe who wants to find that city catch who looks a bit lost out here—this Sanctuary is the perfect place to get a bonafide Bang. It's the drum 'n' bass lounge with DJ Mark and two-for-one drinks all night long.

#### TUESDAY DECEMBER 8

Knitting Factory, 74 Leonard St, 219-3006, 8pm.

The alterna-babes of the rockin' girl band Moxie crash the Knitting Factory tonight. So grab a girl and hold on tight, because they're going to rock your world (or at least get your ass dancing).

#### Second Thursday Networking Women

Rubyfruit Bar & Grill, 531 Hudson St, 462-3243, 6-9pm, \$50 at door. So why is an organization whose namesake is Thursday meeting on a Tuesday? To mix things up a bit? We have no idea, but the only important thing is that this lesbian professional organization has planned a party to end all holiday parties at one of our favorite dyke dining dens, Rubyfruit, complete with a sinful buffet dinner, wine and, of course, tons of women.

#### **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9**

#### Barbara Smith

A Different Light Bookstore, 151 W 19th St, 989-4850, 7pm, free. Co-founder of Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press, editor of the Reader's Companion to U.S. Women's History and all-around one-woman lesbian powerhouse, Barbara Smith will read from her new book, The Truth That Never Hurts: Writings on Race, Gender and Freedom.

#### Elektravision

Downtime, 258 W 30th St, 917-474-9010, 10pm, \$10. Get Elektra-fied at this new dance extravaganza for dykes and fags. Twist the night away to the beats of DJ Carlos Pedraza or kick back in one of the lounges featuring the work of up-and-coming video artists.

#### THURSDAY DECEMBER 10

#### Circuit Girl

Henrietta Hudson, 438 Hudson St, 924-3347, 10pm, free. If you feel the need to juice yourself up with discount drinks (and why wouldn't you?), then don't miss the Happy Hour from 5–7pm. From 10pm, bring it like all of your fag friends, as DJ Tina brings the circuit to the girls.

#### Dragnet

Crazy Nanny's, 21 Seventh Ave S, 366-6312, 9pm, \$5.

Everything's coming in twos tonight—it's like Nanny's Ark. Double your pleasure with two performers, Luscious and drag king Allison performing Michael and Janet Jackson. The DJ duo of Kim B. and Millie keep the beats coming, while comedienne/host Sharon Williams encourages the madness.

#### "The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told"

New York Theatre Workshop, 79 E Fourth St, 460-5475, 8pm, \$45. Just because it's faaaabulous, doesn't mean it's just for the boys. It's **Paul Rudnick**'s new queer creation story, complete with the tale of Jane and Mabel. Plus, the cast includes **Lisa Kron** of the Five Lesbian Brothers.

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 11

#### **Fuzzy**

Henrietta Hudson, 438 Hudson St, 924-3347, 10pm, \$10.

Henrietta Hudson veterans Lisa G. and Lisa C. unveil their employee pet calendar tonight with 50 percent of the proceeds going to animal rescue efforts. Mingle with the ladies as dance diva Hannah Jones sings her hit "You Only Have to Say You Love Me" and Smirnoff doles out free drinks.

#### Her/She Bar

Escuelita, 301 W 39th St, 631-0588, 10pm, \$7 before midnight/\$8 after. Forget about a Her/She sundae...have a Spicy Friday at Escuelita as the divas perform their over-the-top revue. Groove and grind with go-go girls as hot DJs Joel Torres and Steve "Chip Chop" Gonzalez tear up the turntables.

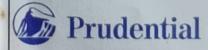
#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

#### The Comic Princess

Catch, 253 W 28th St, 462-2824, 8pm, \$15 w/ one-drink minimum. The fiercely hilarious **Michele Balan** returns to New York City for two evenings of homo holiday humor, tonight and next Saturday. This high-energy comedienne will get you pumped for the party that follows (and the \$15 cover gets you in to both events). Saturday night's all right, indeed.

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#### LoverGirl Xmas Party

Catch, 253 W 28th St, 631-1000, 9:30pm, \$5 before 10:30pm/\$8 before midnight/\$10 after.

The babes of LoverGirl bring this Saturday night to a fever pitch with their extreme Xmas bash. DJs MK and Kris Spirit make you sweat summer-style on two dance floors. Drag king extraordinaire Dred gives a special performance at 12:30pm to top off the delightful evening.



#### "Tex and Trixie's Amazing Vaudeville Show"

Smack Melon Studios, 81 Washington St., Brooklyn, 718-222-1083, 9pm.
These women have been peddling their '90s version of classic vaudeville and burlesque around town for a while now. Tonight, Anna Marie Somera and sisters Jessica and Alison Ward bring their blend of comedy, striptease and drag to DUMBO (Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass) in Brooklyn.

#### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 13**

#### Carnalitea

The Lure, 409 W 13th St, 741-3919, 5-11pm, \$5.

Can't you come out and play? Don't miss out on tonight's monthly event at the Lure, Carnalitea, the only women-only hard-core play party around. If you're feeling frisky, give in to the urge—but get there early, because the doors close at 8pm.

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## Alphabets 115 Ave A (or 47 Greenwich Ave; 121 Varick; 2284 Broadway)

Some records for how much cool stuff can be packed into one tiny space must have been set here. Choose from clothing items, retro-style journals, streamlined metal ashtrays, classy vases, hip lighters, sardonic cuff links (like the ones that read "yes" and "no") and so much more. Plus, there's the companion store next door with plenty of cards, windup toys, novelty T-shirts and just plain fun stuff that make great stocking stuffers.



## The Clay Pot 162 Seventh Ave, Brooklyn

For those serious presents on your list, this is the place to shop. Choose between beautiful handmade jewelry (including engagement rings if someone's been hinting), hand-blown glass vases, plenty of elegant dining-room items and some of the coolest handmade stuffed animals we've ever seen. We especially loved the chalkboard clocks, the dog- and cat-patterned ceramic bowls for animal lovers and the assortment of great-smelling candles.







## Toys in Babeland 94 Rivington (Ludlow St)

Now, this Lower East Side store has the items with which girls really want to play. The babes offer pretty much anything you can imagine to use in bed (and we mean *anything*). There's potions and lotions, plenty of fetish items for all kinds of desires and a huge book section with more than just sex books. Our favorites? The vibrating tongue (fast, strong and keeps going for hours), the "lipstick" mini vibrator and the cunt coloring book.







## Nancy Nancy 224A Fifth Ave (Carroll St), Brooklyn

This new Park Slope shop is a place to play—for tots all the way up to grandmas. We picked up a mechanical fish tank and a set of glow-in-the-dark inflatable stars and moon to cheer up our offices, but toys are not all you can find here. There are slate place mats and coasters, delicate metal boxes, yummy bath products, original artworks and beautiful lockets. There seems to be something new every time we stop in.

## dance clubs

#### MONDAY

#### Elektralite

Henrietta Hudson 438 Hudson St, 924-3347. Opens at 10pm, \$3. Mixed party on the first Monday of the month featuring DJ Carlos Pedraza.

#### LOUNGES

#### Bang

Sanctuary Lounge 444 Seventh Ave, 718-832-9800. Opens at 10pm, free. Drum 'n' bass lounge with DJ Mark.

#### High School Reunion

Meow Mix 269 E Houston St, 254-0688. Opens at 5pm, party at 11pm, \$3. Girl-friendly boy bands and fab games.

#### Pleasure

Bar d'O 29 Bedford St, 627-1580. Opens at 7pm, party at 10pm, \$3. Wanda and DJ Sharee host.

#### TUESDAY

#### Jackie 60

Mother 432 W 14th St, 929-6060. Opens at 10pm, \$10. Hosts Chi Chi Valenti and Johnny Dynell never fail to surprise.

#### The Velvet Kiss

Crazy Nanny's 21 Seventh Ave S, 718-464-8800. Opens at 9pm, \$5. DJ MK spins and live performances.

#### Up & Down Bar

1306 Union Port Rd (Westchester Ave), Bronx, 718-822-9585. Opens 9pm, \$3 before 11pm/\$5 after. DJ Tanco spins for a mixed crowd.

#### LOUNGES

#### Cosmos

Karma 228 W Fourth St, 414-4345. Opens at 6pm, free. DJs Tina Alexander and Phillip Kimball offer up the latest happy house.

#### Julie's

204 E 58th St, 688-1294. Opens at 5pm, free. Karaoke night with DJ Nancy B.

#### Out Loud

Henrietta Hudson 438 Hudson St, 924-3347. Opens at 10pm, free. Long-running women's comedy night.

#### Xena Night

Meow Mix 269 E Houston St, 254-0688; Opens at 7pm, \$3. Second Tuesday of every month. Three episodes of your favorite sword-wielding glamazon.

#### WEDNESDAY

#### Flava

Fahrenheit 349 Broadway, 340-1017. Opens at 9pm, \$5 before midnight/\$7 after. A fun night for flavorful females. DJ Kam is the resident spinster.

#### Tell Me Something Good

Crazy Nanny's 21 Seventh Ave S, 366-6312. Opens at 4pm, free. DJ Boo spins '70s and '80s classics.

#### Third Rail Wednesdays

Meow Mix 269 E Houston St, 254-0688. Opens at 7pm, dancing at 11pm, \$5. DJ Nancy Pizarro mixes it up.

#### LOUNGES

#### Candy

Karavas 162 W Fourth St, 243-8007. Opens at 10pm, \$5. DJ Lex spins; candy-martini specials.

#### lulie's

204 E 58th St, 688-1294, Opens at 5pm, free. Latin night for women 25 and over DJ Nancy B spins.

#### Salonette

Flamingo East 219 Second Ave (13th St), 533-2860. Opens at 10pm, \$5. First Wednesday of every month. Girl-centric monthly bash featuring DJs Carol C. and What.

#### THURSDAY

#### Aqua

Sanctuary Lounge 444 Seventh Ave, 718-832-9800. Opens at 10pm, free. First and Third Thursday. '60s lounge night with DJs and drag queens.

#### Circuit Girl

Henrietta Hudson 438 Hudson St, 924-3347. Opens at 10pm, free. DJ Tina serves up Circuit sounds.

#### Drag Night

Crazy Nanny's 21 Seventh Ave S, 366-6312. Opens at 4pm, dancing at 9pm, \$5. Contests with comedian Sharon Williams. DJs Kim B, and Millie spin.

#### Life's a Bitch

Life 158 Bleecker St, 420-1999. Opens at 10pm, \$10. Sexy bitches rule in the Puss 'n' Boots Lounge at the fab Get a Life party. Jackie Christie is the DJ diva.

#### The Lounge

288 Lenox Ave, 718-617-4783. Opens at 10pm, \$5. Harlem honeys and DJ NFX.

#### LOUNGES

#### Julie's

204 E 58th St, 688-1294. Opens at 5pm, free. Singles night with DJ Nancy B.

#### Mischie

Meow Mix 269 E Houston St, 254-0688. Opens at 5pm, party at 10pm, \$5. First Thursday of every month. Miss Hillery and Karen Green are up to no good at this monthly party.

#### Vexx

The Lure 409 W 13th St, 741-3919. Opens at 10pm, \$5. Pansexual party for all kinky folk, regardless of gender or orientation.

#### FRIDAY

#### Clit Club

Mother 432 W 14th St, 529-3300. Opens at 10pm, \$7. Sexually uninhibited dyke bash with DJs Millie and DM.

#### Club Alisae

1332 Blondell Ave (Westchester Ave), Bronx, 718-824-3507. Opens at 10pm, \$5 before 11pm/\$8 after. DJs Tanco and Manny Styles spin.

#### Fantasy Fridays

Club Blue Angel 323 W 44th St, 591–1622. Opens at 10pm, \$5 before midnight/\$8 after. DJ Mary Mac brings it to Midtown.

#### Frisky Friday

Meow Mix 269 E Houston St, 254-0688. Opens at 5pm, dancing after 11pm, free before 9:30pm/\$5 after. Dyke dancing with an East Village crowd. DJs Frida and Lizeracè spin.

#### G-Spot

Henrietta Hudson 438 Hudson St, 924-3347. Opens at 10pm, free. DJ Lisa G. packs in the lovelies.

#### Girl Whirled

Sanctuary Lounge 444 Seventh Ave (15th St), Park Slope, 718-832-9800. Opens at 7pm, party at 10pm, free. Rotating DJs bring it to Brooklyn.

#### Her/She Bar

Escuelita 301 W 39th St, 631-1093. Opens at 9:30pm, \$7 before midnight/\$8 after. The Her/She girls party with their gay male friends at Escuelita.

#### Squeeze Box

Don Hill's
511 Greenwich St, 334-1390.
Opens at 10pm,
\$6 before midnight/\$10 after.
Queer-positive rock bands and punk
drag queens perform.

#### Sweat

Crazy Nanny's 21 Seventh Ave S, 366-6312. Opens at 4pm, dancing at 9pm, \$7. DJs MK and Kim B. serve all the flavors of house and R&B.

#### LOUNGES

#### Julie's

204 E 58th St, 688-1294. Opens at 5pm, free. It's "Dance Your Ass Off" night.

#### SATURDAY

#### Beautiful Girl

Henrietta Hudson 438 Hudson St, 924-3347. Opens at 9pm, \$5. DJs XJ and Deep Inside go deep (inside) at Henrietta's dance night.

#### The Big Apple Ranch

Dance Manhattan 39 W 19th St, Fifth FI, 358-5752. Opens at 8pm, \$10. Gay and lesbian two-stepping.

#### Click & Drag

Mother 432 W 14th St, 366-5680. Opens at 10:30pm, \$10. Nightclubbing for the cyber set. Technology and fetish performances.

#### LoverGirl

Catch
253 W 28th St, 631-1000.
Opens at 9:30pm,
\$5 before 10:30pm/
\$8 before midnight/\$10 after.
Babe-filled dance bash featuring sexy sounds by DJs Kris Spirit and MK.

#### Mixe

Crazy Nanny's 21 Seventh Ave S, 366-6312. Opens at 4pm, dancing at 9pm, \$5. Gay girls and their boy buddies mix it up. DJ Millie brings you the beats.

#### Sassy Saturdays

Meow Mix 269 E Houston St, 254-0688. Opens at 1pm, party starts at 9:30pm, free before 9:30pm/\$5 after. DJ Miss Guy gives good grooves.

#### Saucy Saturdays

Sanctuary Lounge 444 Seventh Ave (15th St), Park Slope, 718-832-9800. Opens at 7pm, party at 10pm, free DJs Angela and Javier spin.



#### LOUNGES

#### Raktun

418 W 14th St, 529-3300. Opens at 10pm, \$5. New dyke-fag mixer.

#### Inlie's

204 E 58th St, 688-1294. Opens at 5pm, free. Latin House party with DJ Dave.

#### Tank

Meow Mix 269 E Houston St, 254-0688. Opens at 1pm, free. Saturday-afternoon shindig with DJs Bodhi and Tek.

#### SUNDAY

#### Aspara

Jet Lounge 286 Spring St (Varick St), 330-8165. Opens at 10pm, \$8. Every other Sunday (Dec 6 and 20). Sexually charged dance party with DJs CJ Peak and Curve.

#### Country Tea Dance

The Center
1 Little W 12th St, 620-7310.
Opens at 5pm, \$5.
Fourth Sunday of every month. Two-steppin' with the Manhattan Mustangs.

#### Sexy on Sundays

Vanity
28 E 23rd St, 591-0935.
Opens at 10pm,
\$6 before midnight/\$8 after.
DJs Mary Mac and Kim B.

#### LOUNGES

#### Carnalitea

The Lure 409 W 13th St, 741-3919. 5–11pm, doors close 8pm, \$5. Second Sunday of every month. S&M play party for women.

#### Circa '84

Sanctuary Lounge 444 Seventh Ave, 718-832-9800. Opens at 10pm, free. DJ Jordan spins '80s classics.

#### Girl Parts

Henrietta Hudson 438 Hudson St, 924-3347. Opens at 8pm, \$4. The best dyke bands in town.

#### Honeycomb Hideout

Barmacy 538 E 14th St, 917-240-9020. Opens at 10pm, free. DJs Doz and BK spin.

#### Julie's

204 E 58th St, 688-1294.

Opens at 3pm, free. Classic tea dance with DJ Nancy B.

#### Karaoke

Crazy Nanny's 21 Seventh Ave S, 366-6312. Opens at 4pm, karaoke at 9pm, free.

#### Liquids

266 E 10th St (First Ave), 677-1717. Opens at 9pm, free. DJ Miss Hillery spins at this lounge.

#### Sonic Girl Sundays

Meow Mix 269 E Houston St, 254-0688. Opens at 7pm, \$5 before midnight/free after. Drag kings and cutting-edge music. Not on the last Sunday of the month.

#### DAILY

#### Escuelita

301 W 39th St, 631-0588. Open Thurs-Sun; cover varies. Latin club and show palace.

#### Hatfields

126-10 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens, 718-575-3014.

#### Julie's

204 E 58th St (Third Ave), 688-1294. This bar for stylish women features dancing Wed–Sun. Opens at 5pm.

#### Krash

34-48 Steinway St, Astoria, 718-937-2400. Open Mon, Fri-Sat. Mixed gay and lesbian crowd. Mon: Jessica Foxx. Fri. DJ Dave. Sat: DJ Mike Cruz.

#### Spectrum

802 64th St (Eighth Ave), Brooklyn, 718-238-8213. Gay and lesbian crowd (mostly gay). Open Wed-Sun. Thurs: 2-for-1.

#### Visinna

492 Bay St, Staten Island, 718-273-7354. Open Wed-Sat. Thurs: 2-for-1

#### OCCASIONAL

#### Fragglerock

Acme Underground 9 Great Jones St, 539-3909. Opens at 8:30pm, \$10. Monthly rock 'n' roll party.

#### Hot Tuna

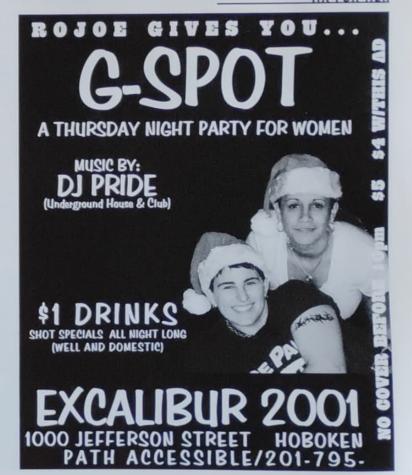
Opaline 85 Ave A (Fifth St), 213-4760. Opens at 9pm, \$10. Sexy women and DJ JxJ.

#### Shescape

Dance parties held at hot nightspots throughout the city. Call 686-5665.

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t's pretty amazing, really. Madonna, emitting all of her rays of light, has not only the power to say good-bye, but also the ability to warm with her music and cure pre-winter blues. Skeptical? Pick up a copy of M's "The Power of Good-bye," which is now out as a CD-single import at Octave on High and Vinylmania, and let the healing and heat begin! Still to come is the vinyl version of the track, which features an unusually inspired techno-trance remix by British DJ Luke Slater, appropriately titled "Super Looper." Look for it on the Maverick/Warner label.

Attribute it to what you will, boy-band polish or a refreshingly sexy innocence, but dance-pop duo React's (Timothy Cruz and Daniel Metreyeon) single "Let's Go All the

bum, Bathhouse Betty (Warner Bros.), was baptized at Roxy recently. The two artists met at the club during one of Midler's performances there just over a month ago, resulting in the collaboration.

Germany is unleashing a handful of hot new dance floor singles. Berlin techno-minded DJ Marusha's new single, "Ur Life," is already turning the heads of many a clubgoer. The cut is from her U.S. debut album, Marusha: Live From Buzz, which is scheduled to be released in 1999 on the new dance imprint Logic 3000. Also, Novy vs. Eniac's progressive house single "Superstar," featuring the soul-flexing vocals of Virginia, has a slamming remix by Jason Nevins, and it's already climbing the Billboard club-play



## DJ AT CAFÉ CON LECHE

Here's the real Lord of the Dance, and you can catch him every Sunday at Café con Leche, as well as once a month on Saturday from 1–3am on 103.5 WKTU. Here is his top-10 list:

"Someone to Hold" (Hard Mix by J Vicious)

VERONICA

"Skin" (KLM&S Mix)
CHARLOTTE

"This Joy" (Razor 'n Guido Mix)
VERNESSA MITCHELL

"Nobody's Supposed to Be Here"

DEBORAH COX

"Lover 98"

PULSE FEATURING ANTOINETTE ROBERTSON

"Don't Let This Moment End"
GLORIA ESTEFAN

"Free Girl"
DJ AKI

"Joy" (Eluded BMR Club Mix)
SUB CITY FEATURING KATHY BROWN

"Darkness" (Satoshi Tomiie Mix)
SATOSHI TOMIIE FEATURING ROBERT OWENS

"Activate" (TKC Main Dub)
THAT KID CHRIS

# Single File Dance Music 12 INCHES DJS DIVAS & MORE

BY ANICÉE

Way," on Columbia Records, continues to disappear from record racks everywhere. React owes major kudos to Johnny Vicious for his remix of the single.

Also making waves is the recent 12-inch "Skin" by Charlotte (with KLM&S remixes), which was originally a U.K. import before it got licensed by Nervous Records. Speaking of Nervous, check out its undeniably groove-packed "Music" 12-inch produced by Orang-E (another of Razor 'n Guido's pseudonyms). And the long-awaited "Tomorrow" single from Chicago-based diva Kim English's luscious Higher Things album is out as a promo, with remixes by Mark Pichiotti and The Basement Boys.

"I'm Beautiful, Damn It," or so says one of our favorite divas **Bette Midler**. **Victor Calderone**'s brand-spanking-new remix of the single, from the Divine One's latest alcharts. Novy is renown for his first club hit "I Need You," replete with Jungle Brothers samples, and the song is considered by some to be the predecessor to the killer Run DMC vs. Jason Nevins jam "It's Like That." "We want to help build a DJ culture in the United States" says Logic 3000 spokesperson Thom Storr of the new label, "We're making music from DJs for DJs and club enthusiasts."

Empire State Records, a subsidiary of Eightball, has a new line of maxi CDs out. One of its first releases is newcomer Tim Rexx's hard house hit "Relentless." Twilo's resident spinmeister Junior Vasquez has made the record a Saturday-night staple lately. Then there is the Brooklyn-based production team of Robert Junior and Danny Polanco, whose "See the Light," with its effects-enhanced vocals over double-beat high-hats, is getting lots of club play as well.



## bars

#### EAST SIDE

#### Julie's

204 E 58th St (Third Ave), 688-1294. Cozy bar for stylish women. Open nightly from 5pm. Happy Hour: Daily, 5–7pm. Live DJ and dancing, Wed–Sun (see "Dance Clubs" listings).

#### **EAST VILLAGE**

#### Meow Mix

269 E Houston St, 254-0688. Hip neighborhood girl bar. Friendly, foxy staff; live bands; drink specials galore. Happy Hour: Thurs-Fri, 5-9pm; Sat, 1-9pm. Dance parties nightly (see "Dance Clubs" listings).

#### Wonder Bar

505 E Sixth St (Ave A), 777-9105. Stylish East Village homo hangout for gay men and lipstick lesbos. Happy Hour: Daily, 6–8pm. Mon: DJ Will. Tues: DJ Nikko. Last Tues: DJ Nancy. Wed: DJ Javier. Thurs: DJ Dave Trouble. Fri–Sat: DJ Sharee. Sun: DJ Emjay.

#### **WEST SIDE**

#### Saints

992 Amsterdam Ave, 222-2431. The Upper West Side's newest gay bar is open seven days. Happy Hour: Daily, 4–9pm.

#### **WEST VILLAGE**

#### Crazy Nanny's

21 Seventh Ave S, 366-6312. Popular bar for locals, out-of-towners and their friends. Open daily until 4am. Happy Hour: Daily, 4–7pm. Tues: The Velvet Kiss, \$5. Wed: Tell Me Something Good, 7–11pm, free. Thurs: Drag Night, \$5. Fri: Sweat, \$7. Sat: Mixer w/ DJ Millie, \$5. Sun: Karaoke Night, 9pm–3am, free.

#### Cubbyhole

281 W 12th St, 243-9041.
Cozy bar in the West Village. Happy
Hour: Mon–Sat, 4–7pm. Wed: 2-for-1
Buds, Miller Lights and Rolling Rocks.
Sat: \$5 open bar, 8:30–10pm. Sun:
Free munchies; \$3 mimosas and
Bloody Marys, 1:30–5pm.

#### Henrietta Hudson

438 Hudson St, 924-3347.

Neighborhood girl bar with a rockin' jukebox and a friendly, eclectic crowd.

Open Mon-Fri, 4pm-4am; Sat-Sun,
1pm-4am. Happy Hour: Mon-Fri,
5-7pm. First Mon: Elektralite, 10pm,
\$3. Thurs: Circuit Girl, 10pm, free. Fri:
G-Spot, 10pm, free. Sat: Beautiful Girl,
10pm, \$5. Sun: Girl Parts, 8pm, \$4.

#### Rubyfruit Bar & Grill

531 Hudson St, 929-3343. Upscale women's bar and restaurant. Bar open 3pm–2am daily (until 4am on weekends).

#### PARK SLOPE

#### Carry Nation

363 Fifth Ave, 718-788-0924. Park Slope's first lesbian and gay bar is open seven days. Happy Hour: 6-8pm.

#### Rising Café

186 Fifth Ave, 718-622-5072. Brooklyn's funky queer bar/café. Happy Hour: Mon-Fri, 6-9pm; Sat-Sun, 3-6pm. Wed: South Park 10pm. Fri-Sat: live bands.

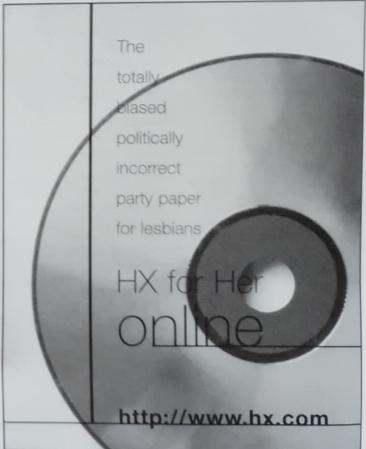
#### Sanctuary Lounge

444 Seventh Ave, 718-832-9800. Gay and lesbian "salon." Open 7pm-4am, daily. Happy Hour: 7–9pm, 2-for-1 drinks. Sun: Circa '84, 10pm. Mon: Bang, 2-for-1 drinks. Wed: Boy Box. First/Third Thurs: Aqua. Fri: Girl Whirled. Sat: Saucy Saturdays.

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#### CHELSEA

#### Alley's End

311 W 17th St (Eighth Ave), 627-8899.

Cute American bistro hidden away from the Chelsea madness. Exquisite food and fab service.

228 Eighth Ave (22nd St), 206-0059.

As-gay-as-it-gets neighborhood coffeehouse with a fun, casual atmosphere.

#### Candy Bar and Grill

131 Eighth Ave (16th St). 229-9702.

Brightly colored restaurant and latenight lounge serving American, Pan-Asian and Mediterranean cuisines and one-of-a-kind cocktails.

#### Chelsea Lobster Company

156 Seventh Ave (18th St), 243-5732

Lobster and other sinful seafood delights.

#### Community Bar & Grill

216 Seventh Ave (22nd St), 242-7900.

Upbeat eatery with a cozy garden and delicious American cuisine.

#### Cookie's Fine Foods

123 Eighth Ave (15th St), 989-7692.

"Roadside café" serving up classic American cuisine.

#### A Different Bite Café

151 W 19th St (Seventh Ave), 989-4850

Coffee concoctions, fresh breads, pastries and other desserts in your favorite gay and lesbian bookstore, A Different Light.

#### East of Eighth

254 W 23rd St (Eighth Ave), 352-0075

Lunch and dinner on two floors and in the garden. Late-night dining until 2am; bar open until 4am.

#### Eighteenth & Eighth

159 Eighth Ave (18th St). 242-5000.

Healthy, updated diner fare. Be prepared to wait.

149 Eighth Ave, 243-2020. Lunch, brunch and dinner in a chic setting. Low prices, high quality.

30 W 22nd St (Fifth Ave). 675-6700.

American nouvelle cuisine with Caribbean and Asian influences.

#### Mama Said...

174 Seventh Ave (20th St), 645-7323.

Warm and friendly, gay-owned coffee/juice bar.

#### Mary Ann's

116 Eighth Ave (16th St). 633-0877

Quick, inexpensive, delicious Mexican food that won't give you Montezuma's revenge.

189 Seventh Ave (21st St), 620-9684.

Japanese cuisine and sushi for the downtown elite

#### Pacific East Café

318 W 23rd St (Eighth Ave),

Contemporary Asian-influenced cuisine. New prix-fixe menu, 5:30-7pm, daily.

#### Pad Thai

114 Eighth Ave (16th St), 691-6226.

Sleek, yet inviting noodle lounge. Don't miss the Thai iced tea.

#### Regional Thai Taste

208 Seventh Ave (22nd St), 807-9872.

As mild as you want it and as spicy as you can take it. Moderately priced Thai cuisine in a festive setting.

209 Seventh Ave (22nd St), 366-4133. Affordable Italian cuisine featuring homemade pastas and desserts.

Smoking permitted.

#### Riss

242 Eighth Ave (22nd St), 627-2933.

Chelsea's classic diner. Open 24 hours; free delivery.

#### Trois Canards

184 Eighth Ave (19th St), 929-4320.

Delicious French continental with a civilized, elegant atmosphere.

#### EAST SIDE

#### Chili Pepper Bar & Grill

245 Park Ave S (19th St), 529-2888. Upscale Thai cuisine. Prix-fixe lunch specials.

#### Martino's

230 E 58th St (Second Ave), 751-0029.

Low-priced Italian just steps from Julie's

#### **EAST VILLAGE**

#### Around the Clock

8 Stuyvesant St (Third Ave), 598-0402.

A 24-hour restaurant/bar. The perfect place for a snack after a night at the clubs.

103 Second Ave (Sixth St), 777-4120. Trendy American cuisine in a

luxurious setting.

87 First Ave (Sixth St), 674-3823. Late-night dining; unlimited champagne brunch on Sundays; mixed urban hip crowd.

#### Flamingo East

219 Second Ave (13th St), 533-2860 Offbeat and trendy. Kind of like a

'60s basement rec room with great food.

#### Global 33

93 Second Ave (Fifth St), 477-8427

Delicious international tapas, fabulous fresh juices and classic

#### Lalita Java

210 E Third St (Ave B), 228-8448. Cozy espresso bar that serves delightfully sinful pastries and

bagels. Smokers, don't be afraid to light up.

#### Life Café

343 E 10th St (Ave B), 477-8791. Funky artist hangout with a complete vegetarian menu.

#### Lucky Cheng's

24 First Ave (Second St), 473-0516.

Delicious Pan-Asian cuisine served by an eclectic assortment of Asian drag-queen waitresses.

#### Marion's Continental Restaurant & Lounge

354 Bowery (Fourth St), 475-7621. This re-creation of a 1940s hot spot serves a continental menu until 2am every day.

#### Mugsy's Chow-Chow

31 Second Ave (First St), 460-9171

Hearty and artful eclectic Italian in a cozy setting.

178 Second Ave (12th St), 995-0900. Italian-Mediterranean cuisine. Perfect spot for that first date.

#### Stingy Lulu's

129 St. Mark's Place (Ave A), 674-3545. Old-fashioned American diner on

acid. Funky music, inexpensive menu. Fab staff.

201 First Ave (12th St), 388-1997. Cheap eats, attitude-free. Low-fat American cuisine; takeout available.

#### WEST SIDE

#### Caffe Popolo

351 Columbus Ave (76th St), 362-1777. Italian café with wonderful food

and an intimate atmosphere.

#### Chez Suzette

675B Ninth Ave (46th St), 581-9717. Country French cuisine; open seven

#### Film Center Cafe

635 Ninth Ave (44th St), 262-2525.

days, noon to midnight.

An after-theater favorite since 1932. Inexpensive sandwiches, delicious appetizers

#### Rice and Beans

744 Ninth Ave (50th St), 265-4444.

Latin cuisine with a Brazilian focus featuring daily fresh-vegetable specials.

753 Ninth Ave (51st St), 581-4655.



PRIX FIXE DINNER DAILY 5-7pm

\$8.95

1496 SECOND AVE CORNER OF 78TH ST. 212-734-9050 www.bardolino.com

Soho-style bar/restaurant serving dinner until midnight and cocktails until 4am. Gourmet American culsine; reasonable prices.

#### WEST VILLAGE

Benny's Burritos

113 Greenwich Ave (Jane St), 727-0584. Incredibly cheap and delicious San Francisco-style burritos. Always mobbed.

Caffé Dell'Artista

46 Greenwich Ave (Seventh Ave), 645-4431. Charming European café serving

light meals and desserts.

Caffé Raffaella

134 Seventh Ave S (Charles St), 929-7247.

Sit back in your big, comfortable armchair and sip coffee, ciders or tea, and sample a variety of exquisite desserts.

Caffè Torino

139 W 10th St (Greenwich Ave), 675-5554. Inexpensive Italian cuisine in an elegant setting.

Chez Ma Tante

189 W 10th St (Bleecker St), 620-0223. Authentic French cuisine. Pricey, but sumptuous.

Cowgirl Hall of Fame

519 Hudson St, 633-1133.

A taste of the Old West in the West Village. Don't pass on the sinful barbequed fare and giant margaritas.

Florent

69 Gansevoort St (Washington St), 989-5779.
French food plus, 24 hours a day.
Crowd varies greatly day by day, from queens who haven't been to bed yet to truck drivers having breakfast before work.

Goodfellas Trattoria

91 Christopher St, 647-8315. Gourmet pizza and other Italian treats in a relaxed atmosphere.

Graziella Ristorante

41 Greenwich Ave (Charles St), 255-5972. Italian dining; neighborhood

clientele.

Lips
2 Bank St (Greenwich Ave),
675-7710.

The Hard Rock Cafe of drag.
Features drag memorabilia, dishes named after popular queens and, of course, crossdressing waitresses.
Sun-Wed: café menu w/ all entrées less than \$10.

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## food bar

## Old is New Again in Chelsea

Women aren't the only ones who change their minds; restaurateurs do it too. For example, the people at Food Bar had a successful restaurant with good food and a loyal clientele. Then they decided to shake things up a bit and reopen the eatery under a new name, Che 2020. Well, now it's back to Food Bar. Go figure. With all this jumping around, I had mixed feelings about the newold Food Bar, but I'm happy to report that the restaurant's warm environment quickly won me over. Inside, the autumn motifexplosions of fall leaves decorating the bar and hostess stand; cream-colored, highback wrap-around booths; and discreet, contemporary, wall-mounted lightingmakes for a lovely dining setting.

We began with the broccoli-lemon soup (\$4.50). Served at an appropriately

temperature, the liquid was creamy enough to be substantial, but not so much as to be heavy. The moutabelle, humus and white-bean brandade (\$5.95) was an appetizer of a completely

different kind. This trio of pureed dips came surrounded by a fan spray of pita wedges. The hummus was your standard Middle-Eastern, ground chick-pea fare, while the moutabelle and white beans offered a much more distinctive flair to our dipping experience.

For entrées, the grilled duck with braised drumstick (\$13.95) is a simply wonderful choice. The breasts were sliced into discrete bite-sized filets and cooked in a deep red wine sauce. These little chunks of meat tasted more like flying steak than anything that once had webbed feet. The deeply fowl flavor that is so exclusively duck was a bit more prominent in the drumstick. Cooked with the skin intact, these delectable chunks of dark meat practically jumped off the bone. The duck was served with a healthy portion of new potatoes and vegetables.

From the nightly specials, the grilled swordfish steak (\$14.95) is also a fine dinner selection. Unlike many similar restaurants that don't specialize in seafood, Food Bar knows how to keep a slab of fish moist in the cooking process. Each tender flake of white meat separated easily from those beside it and retained that essential moisture most often lost in swordfish. Served on a bed of gently spiced couscous, our finned friend made for a flavorful eating experience. Off to the side of the plate, however, was this little pocket pastry filled with sautéed onions, and I couldn't quite figure out why it was there. Nevertheless, it was a lovely little item; it just didn't seem to be the best choice to accompany the swordfish steak.

To round out the evening, we selected the lemon-strawberry mille feuille (\$4.95). If you don't know what a mille feuille is,

just imagine a miniature Japanese pagoda with a flat roof and huge overhanging eaves. This exquisite piece of organic architecture is comprised of two flaky pastry sheets wedged around a slab of thickened

yellow cream. All of this comes floating on a pond of pureed lemon-strawberry sauce. The presentation is simply out of this world. Each component—the pastry, cream and sauce—was expertly executed. I couldn't keep my guest, who's allergic to strawberries, away from it. Food Bar's mille feuille was the most visually stunning and delicately crafted dessert I've had in quite a while.

All together, we spent \$68.42, including tip and a couple of glasses of house Merlot. While this is a good price for any three-course meal, at Food Bar it's an exceptional one considering that at least two items we selected—the duck and mille feuille—were worthy of a far more costly check. New name, old name, no matter. Food Bar still remains that comfortably brown restaurant in Chelsea where all the cool queers go and where the food is really quite good.

Food Bar, 149 Eighth Ave, 243-2020

## TASTE BUDDY





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#### Manatus

340 Bleecker St (Christopher St), 989-7042.

Better-than-diner food for the same price. Open very late; candlelight and Lite FM are perfect after clubbing.

#### Mary's Restaurant

42 Bedford St (Seventh Ave S), 741-3387.

Brought to you by the queens of Universal Grill. Expect the same hospitality, great food and charming, campy atmosphere.

#### Miyagi

220 W 13th St (Seventh Ave), 620-3830.

Japanese home cooking.

#### Paris Commune

411 Bleecker St (W 11th St), 929-0509.

Intimate, candlelit bistro with killer brunch. Longtime West Village favorite.

#### Rubyfruit Bar & Grill

531 Hudson St, 929-3343. Women's bar and restaurant. Dinner served until 11pm, Mon-Thurs; until midnight, Fri and Sat.

#### Sacred Chow

522 Hudson St (W 10th St), 337-0863.

Health- and earth-conscious, animal-free gourmet food shop/café.

#### Sông

103 MacDougal St (W Third St), 529-3808.

Inexpensive Vietnamese cuisine.

#### Video Diner

357 West St (Houston St), 414-0163.

Catch a flick while you eat at this renovated diner that offers free video rentals with your order.
Outdoor dining; smoking section.

#### Waterloo

145 Charles St (Washington St), 352-1118.

Trendy French for the downtown set. Delicious seafood. Keep your eyes peeled for Ellen and Anne.

#### Woody's

140 Seventh Ave S (W 10th St), 242-1200.

Good food, friendly people and a casual atmosphere in the heart of the Village.

#### PARK SLOPE

#### Aunt Suzie

247 Fifth Ave, 718-788-3377. Lesbian-owned, family-style Italian restaurant that serves food just like your mama makes.

#### Cafe Fuerte

210 Fifth Ave, 718-622-9894.

Hip, laid-back, diner-like café on the Slope's "other" main drag.

#### Fuiisan

161 Seventh Ave (First St), 718-768-3976.

This sushi joint uses the freshest fish in its tasty rolls and platters. Affordable and delicious.

#### Healthy Henrrieta's on the Slope

787 Union St (Fifth Ave), 718-622-2924.

Cheap, creative vegetarian and macrobiotic fare. Large portions; fresh juices.

#### Inaka

225 Seventh Ave (Fourth St), 718-499-7856. Sushi, sushi, sushi (and teriyaki) on the Slope.

#### La Taqueria

72 Seventh Ave (Lincoln St), 718-398-4300. Quick, cheap eats, cafeteria-s

Quick, cheap eats, cafeteria-style. Burritos are the specialty of the house. Takeout available; sorry, cash only.

#### Lemongrass Grill

61A Seventh Ave (Lincoln PI), 718-399-7100. Brooklyn counterpart to the Manhattan Thai chain. Inexpensive;

## outdoor garden. Max & Moritz

426A Seventh Ave, 718-499-5557. Eclectic fare in a cozy, romantic setting.

#### Nam

222 Seventh Ave (Third St), 718-788-5036.

Vietnamese cuisine in somewhat chic surroundings.

#### Santa Fe Grill

62 Seventh Ave (Lincoln PI), 718-636-0279. Neighborhood restaurant, with a large bar area, offering Southwestern food, decor and atmosphere.

#### Second Street Café

189 Seventh Ave (Second St), 718-369-6928. Friendly staff, full coffee bar and kick-ass brunch.

#### Tutta Pasta

160 Seventh Ave (Second St), 718-788-9500. Delicious, upscale Italian cuisine. Outdoor seating is available; cigar

#### Two Boots

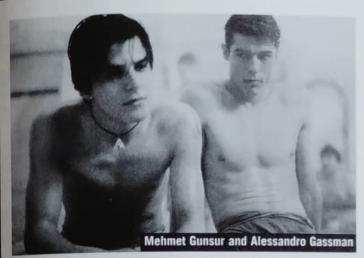
lounge.

514 Second St (Seventh Ave), 718-499-3253.

Italian and Cajun cuisine in a funky, fun environment. Thin-crust pizza with a wide variety of toppings is the main event.

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# TheReelThing



## Steam: The Turkish Bath

Starring Alessandro Gassman, Mehmet Gunsur and Serif Sezer; directed by Ferzan Ozpetek (Strand Releasing)

"Hamams are strange places; they relax mores and bodies." So goes a saying about the Turkish bath in Steam, the new film from director Ferzan Ozpetek, who dared put homosexual imagery onscreen only to see it banned from theaters and eliminated as Turkey's entrant in the best foreign film Oscar race. Too bad, because this definitely would have made for an interesting contender.

Francesco (Alessandro Gassman, son of Vittorio) is a darkly handsome Roman who travels to Istanbul when his aunt dies and leaves him a steam bath, or hamam. He intends to sell it quickly and return home to his wife and design business but is delayed by the need to dispense with his aunt's personal effects. (The insistent hospitality of the Osmans, the family that manages the bath and lives in the apartment next door, also plays no small part in keeping him around.) When Francesco decides to restore and reopen the hamam, he and the Osmans' dashing son, Mehmet (Mehmet Gunsur), start spending more and more time together. (Look for a beautiful seaside moment in which the two men exchange looks normally reserved for the heterosexual lovers of Bergman or Fellini films.) The two men pass the days fixing up the bath, occasionally sneaking away to a functional hamam, and taking leisurely strolls by the water. Remember the first time you allowed yourself to feel affection for a woman? Ozpetek captures queer discovery with quiet rectitude.

While the film is beautifully photographed, viewers will need to be patient with Steam's leisurely pacing, particularly the first half hour, which could have been condensed. I disliked several of Ozpetek's other techniques: the abrupt shift in narrative point of view when Francesco's wife, Perran (Serif Sezer), suddenly appears; the Osmans' daughter Fussan has no importance other than to remind us that Francesco could suddenly decide to bed her-even if the conclusion is true to the social rules in question, I hated it. Stronger for its flickers of heat than its outright flame, Steam is nonetheless a warm treat for a chilly fall afternoon.—Mark J. Huisman

## **Very Bad Things**

Starring Christian Slater, Cameron Diaz and Jon Favreau; written and directed by Peter Berg (Polygram Films)

Very Bad Things isn't a very bad movie, but it's an overly ambitious and sloppy mixture of two distinct tones that equals one unsatisfying viewing experience. On one hand, it is a deadly serious, visceral, violent look at how avoiding morality can lead to extreme comeuppance, and on the other, it's similar to There's Something About Mary, in which over-the-top gut-wrenchingly sick humor rises higher than any Manhattan skyscraper.

Everyman yuppie Kyle Fisher (Jon Favreau) is to wed control freak Laura (Cameron Diaz), who's obsessed with the anticipated event. Before it can take place, his gaggle of buddies throw a decadent Las Vegas bachelor party, during which an act of spin-me-around sex accidentally kills their lady of the evening. Rather than fess up to the authorities, the guys decide to bury her body. Let the complications begin.

Much like New York indie flick Gravesend, an accidental



death propels a clique of close friends into a downward spiral, which they won't escape unscathed. However, unlike Gravesend, which managed to balance limited gallows humor with a dire undercurrent, director Peter Berg (an actor from Chicago Hope) doesn't stick to the plan once a fever pitch is reached. Rather than hook you in hard once reaching point B, he seesaws between

humor and horror until neither works, ending in cockamamie, un-p.c. lunacy.

With few exceptions—such as ringleader Boyd (Christian Slater), whose questionable morality is obvious from the get-goeach character's manic inner self takes a while to reveal itself comically/gruesomely. See just how far Diaz will go to make sure that her wedding comes off smoothly and you'll understand. Unfortunately, Berg makes some amusing statements regarding what we're capable of, but he doesn't commit them to the benign or, for that matter, deadly serious contexts that they demand. -Lawrence Ferber

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The following capsules are of films that have been reviewed in HX for Her and are still playing in theaters.

#### Beloved

Starring Oprah Winfrey, Danny Glover and Thandie Newton; directed by Jonathan Demme (Touchstone Pictures)

Oprah Winfrey stars in this adaptation of Toni Morrison's Beloved. The story is brought to the screen with integritybut not without occasional lapses and is staggeringly heart-wrenching. Set in rural Ohio circa 1873, this is the story of former slave Sethe's journey to find herself while living in a house haunted by the ghost of her murdered baby, Beloved (Thandie Newton), and raising a daughter (Kimberly Elise). With the use of flashbacks, Sethe's memory of her past as a slave is reconstructed as she confronts ghosts metaphorically and physically to discover her selfworth and future. The role is powerfully rendered by Winfrey, and Beloved is a journey worth taking.—Andrew Huang

#### Gods and Monsters

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Starring Ian McKellen, Brendan Fraser and Lynn Redgrave; written and directed by Bill Condon (Lions Gate Films)

Gods and Monsters is an incisive and witty study of British director James

Whale (lan McKellen), who gave us such classics as Frankenstein Set in 1957, the film is a portrait of Whale's final days after having a stroke, as he sees with increasing horror his memory and dignity slipping away. And then suddenly, a remarkable friendship occurs between this worldly, openly gay man and an itinerant, straight young gardener (Brendan Fraser). The film achieves a seamless style that is totally unself-conscious, and under Bill Condon's guidance, the cast delivers performances reminiscent of the glory days of ensemble studio casts. Gods and Monsters is an occasion not to be missed.—Andrew Velez

#### Happiness

Starring Jane Adams, Lara Flynn Boyle and Dylan Baker; written and directed by Todd Solondz (Good Machine Releasing)

In Happiness, written and directed by Todd Solondz, unhappiness is the true subject. Joy Jordan (Jane Adams) is a 30-year-old single woman living in her parents' New Jersey house. Joy's sister Trish (Cynthia Stevenson) and her husband Bill (Dylan Baker) have two children, including Billy (Rufus Read), whose sexual curiosity is peaking. Then there is Joe Grasso (Dan Moran), who worries that son Johnny (Evan Silverberg) is "a little fairy." The

exchange about homosexuality between he and Bill is one of the truest ever seen onscreen. Nothing in *Happiness* is as emotionally crushing as the moment when Bill and Billy talk about Dad fucking his young son's friends. If only more directors would do such good work, audiences would have a lot less to complain about.—*Mark J. Huisman* 



#### Living Out Loud

Starring Holly Hunter, Danny DeVito and Queen Latifah; written and directed by Richard LaGravenese (New Line Cinema)

Time and again, a perfectly believable scene in *Living Out Loud* turns out to have been completely made up in the mind of Judith (Holly Hunter); it is followed by a scene depicting what really happened. Few filmmakers have explored this coping mechanism as

deftly as Richard LaGravenese does here. Hunter so nakedly depicts heartbreak, terror, anger and joy. There's an exhilarating sequence near the end of the film, set at a sexy afterhours lesbian club, in which Hunter floats onto the dance floor and slips into a full dance number. Judith's slinky moves illustrate how much she has lost and how she's grown, and it sets the stage for the film's bittersweet finale.—Benjamin Scuglia

#### Meet Joe Black

Starring Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins and Claire Forlani; directed by Martin Brest (Universal Pictures) Media tycoon William Parrish (Anthony Hopkins) is one palpitation away from kicking the bucket. However, instead of ushering him into the great beyond, Death (Brad Pitt) inhabits the body of a recently deceased man and lives in human form for the first time, enlisting an unhappily mortal Parrish to act as his guide. Known as Joe Black, he soon falls for Parrish's daughter Susan (Claire Forlani). Pitt manages to draw Black into a three-dimensional character, while Hopkins and Forlani are both up to par. At almost three hours long, this remake of Death Takes a Holiday could have been unbearable, but it's not.—Lawrence Ferber

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Mon, Ch 35, 8:30pm. Fashion, beauty, lifestyle, dogs and more. The fab Lauren Ezersky hosts.

#### Diana Montford Show

Wed, Ch. 57, 3pm.
This public-affairs show often has gay, lesbian and transgender guests.

#### Dyke TV

Biweekly Thurs, Ch 34, 9:30pm. Dyke news, arts, politics, dish and more. For airtimes in other boroughs, call 343-9335.

#### G.L.I.B.

Third Mon, Ch 56, 8pm. Pro-women show starring the Guerrilla Lesbian Insurgent Bonghitters.

#### Gay USA

Thurs, Ch 35, 11pm. Thurs, Ch 34, 2:30am. National gay news and entertainment.

#### In the Life

Airs bimonthly, WNET/Ch 13. Queer newsmag on public TV. For airdates and times, call 255-6012 or check out www.inthelifetv.org

#### Lesbian Central

Lesbian TV talk show. Biweekly Sun, Ch 16, 1:30pm. Biweekly Thurs, Ch 34, 9:30pm.

#### Metropolitan Community Church Services

Sun, Ch 57, 8:30am. Mon, Ch 16, 8am.

#### More Than a Mouthful

First Wed, Ch 57, 11:30pm. Los Angeles-based live queer talk

#### Robin Byrd Show

Mon, Ch 35, 11pm.
Tues, Ch 35, 10pm.
Wed, Ch 35, midnight.
Thurs, Ch 35, midnight (uptown only).
Fri, Ch 35, 1am.
Sat, Ch 35, midnight.
Sun. Ch 35, 11pm.

#### Street

Second/fourth Tues, Ch 56, 10:30pm. Dyke hostesses Marya and Pat cover arts, entertainment and gay galas.

#### Tango Lesbiango

Third/fourth Thurs, Ch 34, 10pm.
Documentary-type show highlighting a variety of local lesbian performance art.
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#### THEATER

#### Brandon Teena

The Present Company Theatorium 198 Stanton St, 420-8877 Closes 12/26, \$12. The first version of the now-famous story told from the murdered 21-year old's point of view.

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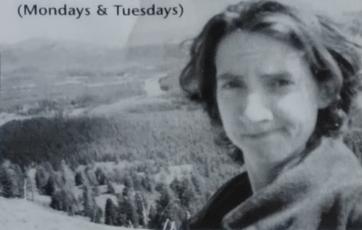
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#### The Knee Desires the Dirt

Theater Four 424 W 55th St, 239-6200.

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#### The Lesbian

Bessie Schönberg Theater 219 W 19th St, 924-0077. 12/14-12/15, \$15. Sharon Hayes' acclaimed solo show has been extended for four additional performances.

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Gershwin Theatre 222 W 51st St. 307-4100. \$20-\$70.

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#### Gay and Lesbian Characters in Children's Books

www.armory.com/~web/gaybooks.html
This no-frills annotated bibliography of
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### The National Museum of Women in the Arts

www.nmwa.org

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#### TRANSGENDER

#### Boychicks

www.e-zines.com/boychicks
This page of links runs the gamut from
FTM to leather referrals. Be sure to
read the articles about "passing" and
making a "stuffer."

#### FTM International

www.ftm-intl.org//intro.html
Come here for a safe and confidential
place to learn more about FTM
International, the "peer support group
for female-to-male transvestites and
transsexuals." This straightforward
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#### A Gay FTM Home

members.tripod.com/~philkirk/index.html

If you're thinking about making the change—or have already made it—and can stand rainbow flags galore, this site's for you. It discusses such topics as telling your boss, medical and legal information, as well as links to plenty of other FTM resources.

#### TransMan's Information Project

www.trans-man.org

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#### Lesbian Herstory Archives

www.datalounge.net/network/pages/lha What better way to fulfill its mission of giving all lesbians access to the archives of dyke history than to bring them to the World Wide Web? Although the voluminous collection isn't online, you can learn exactly how to request it.

#### Lesbian Legacy Collection

www-lib.usc.edu/~retter/one.html Straightforward and professional, the Lesbian Legacy Collection's Web site includes links to lesbian archives and material. Although its online collection is not incredibly comprehensive, it's a marvelous start.

#### Swade's Tribal Voice Lesbian History

www.swade.net/swadepages/les\_hist If you like older women, then this site about lesbian history is for you. In addition to the latest lezzie news, it houses girlie information dating back to 580 B.C.

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www.becomingnicotinefree.org
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www.io.com/~brenda/cycles/index.html Ladies, you no longer have to put up with surprise visits from that pesky friend of yours! This application will help you track your monthly cycle.

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www.sirius.com/~edisol/mautner/index.html

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#### Michael Callen-Audre Lorde Community Health Center

www.chp-health.org
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health center for lesbians and gay
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#### Sapient Health Network

women.shn.net/index.html
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#### INTERNET RESOURCES

#### Queer Resources Directory

www.qrd.org

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#### **PUBLICATIONS**

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www.bust.com

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www.gaytimes.co.uk

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#### Girlfriends

www.gfriends.com

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#### Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review

www.hglc.org/hglc/review.htm
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www.buffyslayer.com

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#### Daria

www.mtv.com/mtv/tubescan/ animation/daria

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www.mca.com/tvlxena (official site) www.sirius.com/~lupinelring/xenaring html

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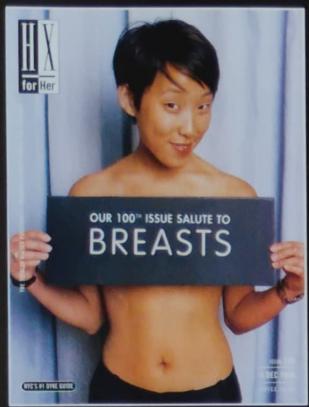


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Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, P.O. Box 551 Cathedral Sta, New York, NY 10025, 749-6866.

Gay & Lesbian Psychiatrists of NY, P.O. Box 20293, London Terrace Sta, NY, NY 10011. 265-5539.

Gay & Lesbian Social Workers, Second Fri 6pm. 348-4761.

Gay Officers Action League (GOAL), Second Tues 8pm. 718-657-0637. Long Island: P.O. Box 703, Stony Brook, NY 11790. 516-689-2174. Gay Pilots Association, Last Thurs 8pm. 800-983-1536.

Lavender Lamps, Third Thurs 8pm. 718-478-7297. Lesbian and gay nurses.

Lesbian and Gay Teachers Association, First Wed 6pm. 718-596-1864.

Lesbian & Gay Law Association of Greater New York, 799 Broadway, Ste 340. 353-9118. Bar association of lesbian and gay lawyers. Walk-in clinic at the Center, Tues 6pm.

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I'm 22, looking for friends. 4515

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#### CAN YOU KEEP UP WITH ME?

I'm Latin, very sexy and I like spontaneous intimacy and love to go dancing. I can be romantic or I can throw you up against the wall, whatever your pleasure, femmes and bi's only please. No butches. 4598

#### CHARISMATIC LIPSTICK LESBIAN

Androgynous, Asian, cute, petite, useful 43, fitness conscious, well-dressed, articulate, accomplished, diverse interests, sense of humor seeks upscale attractive soft butch or femme, 38 or over, GF for friendship, romance or LTR. 4588

#### CHOCOLATE SUGAR

How about some of my hot chocolate that I have to give to you? Silky satin body complexion, come and taste me. I'm seeking a BF or Latino, 18 and over, exotic, sexy, feminine, loves to wear gorgeous lingerie, not shy to give it to me all night for a wonderful adventure. 4558

#### CHOCOLATE SWEET AND HOT

This is a BF, 5'2", full-figured. 215#, from Brooklyn, 36, hot. sexy and ready professional in the medical field seeking same. No drugs, drugs & disease free.

#### CLUB HOPPER

I'm 22, BF seeking female, 22-26. I like to go to clubs. 4631

#### COME TO ME SUGAR

Sexy bi-curious female wanted by attractive, open-minded and adventurous bi BF, looking for fun around the city, dancing, romancing and anything goes. Any race or age. 4592

#### **COULD YOU BE THE ONE?**

I'm 29, attractive professional GBF ISO beautiful femme butch or femme, 30-40, who is emotionally and financially secure for possible LTR. No bi's or hard dykes need to respond, D&D free. 4640

#### **CUDDLY TEDDY**

I'm looking for that special someone. Serious calls only. 4621

#### **EVENING OF GAMES**

Ladies, we're having an evening of games on November 28. Bingo and more, a perfect way to meet other women 4551

#### **FEMININE BISEXUAL WANTED**

20, live in Manhattan, bisexual feminine Latin woman, 5'9", thick in all the right places, looking for bisexual girlfriend. Please be attractive and downto-earth and ready to have some fun. 4530

#### **FEMME FATALE**

I'm a beautiful PR femme fatale, actress and African jazz dancer, as well as a certified elementary schoolteacher. I'm 5'2", 115#, 36-26-35, bl/br, varied hair color, physically fit, emotionally stable, financially secure and independent, live in the city. I'm interested in meeting a beautiful woman who is carefree, independent, responsible, has it together, intelligent and emotionally

#### FEMME SEEKING BUTCH

I'm 23, single WF femme, 5'1", bl/gr, looking for a Hispanic butch under 30 for friendship that could become romance. Bronx A+, children OK, no headgames. 4593

#### FEMME SEEKING FEMME

26, femme seeking attractive femme, 22-28, who is independent and has weekends off. I'm a PRF, 5'3", 110#. No bi's or butches, aggressive femmes okay. 4540

#### FIRST TIMER

I'm 5'2", 130#, brown hair, 31, first-timer looking for someone to chat on and off, spend some time, listen to music, dinner, movies and take it day by day.

#### **FUN-LOVING FEMALE WANTED**

This is a big, beautiful GBF, 39, looking for a beautiful, sensual female to share good times and fun with. Must be drugs & disease free, fun-loving and humorous. Age and race not an issue. 4544

#### FUNNY, FRIENDLY AND NICE

I'm married, looking for a good friend to explore with. I'm discreet and a really nice person. 4578

#### HEY GIRLS

I'm a light-skinned beauty. 4529

#### HOT AND SEXY BI CUBAN

31. Cuban bisexual feminine. petite, black hair, light eyes, attractive and physically fit, 5'4", 110#. 34C-24-34, slender vet shapely, sexy and sensual, outgoing and outspoken, seeking a friend and lover who is hot, sexy and sensual. Be attractive, physically fit, intelligent, open-minded and fun. Interests include fashion, fitness and dining out. 4552

#### HOT SEXY FEMALE

18, light-skinned, br/br, 5'7", 130#, looking for someone to hang out with. 4559

#### I CAN MAKE YOU MY QUEEN

I'm 42, Caribbean woman, warm and romantic, honest and open, enjoy movies, theater, romantic dining, love to dance and laugh, ISO my soul mate who is strong, honest and open who knows what they want in life, 30-40. No bi's or smokers. Call me if you want all your dreams to come true. 4546

#### I'M 21 AND BISEXUAL

I'm 21, bisexual female looking for someone, 21 or over, preferably bisexual. I like horseback riding, skiing, surfing, travel and exploring, in the TV industry, seeking someone w/ artistic or creative background, race unimportant.

#### I'M ATTRACTIVE AND FEMME

I'm 22, 5'6", 125#, femme, very attractive seeking serious relationship with aggressive femme or femme, attractive. I love to travel, dancing, movies, looking for someone with similar interests. 4560

#### I'M DOWN-TO-EARTH

I'm 42, femme, looking for nice aggressive female to share good times, nice walks, dinners and more. I'm 5'6", Hispanic. 4607

#### I'M EATABLE

I'm a lesbian looking for a female, 155#, triple double D, 38, 5'1", completely shaved and like to enjoy myself. 4574

#### I'M LOOKING FOR YOU

GBF, 43, looking for soul mate. My interests include reading, music, walks, poetry and more. If you're seeking a friendship that could lead to a relationship. call me. No bi's or diseases. smokers OK. 4581

#### I'M SENSUOUS

I'm brown, 26, sensuous femme seeking soft aggressive woman, 25-40. I enjoy walking, conversations and travel, D&D free, kids okay. 4624

#### IN SEARCH OF A TRUE FRIEND

Are you always a true friend to everyone you meet? Will you always be there for your friends? Do you give and get nothing back? This has been my experience on my journey. If you want a true friend to hang out with, spend time with, then look no further. 4601

#### IN SEARCH OF AN HONEST LADY

Do you like surprises, roses, dinners, quiet evenings at home, theater, clubbing, snuggling, cuddling? These are things I like. If you're 35 and up, would like to do this with you. I have my own place, friends

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who like to socialize, would like LTR to complete my fiasco.

IN SEARCH OF BEAUTY

Beautiful PR femme fatale desires friendship and romance w/ truly beautiful woman who is intelligent, articulate and responsible. I'm balanced, mind, body and soul, desire someone hot and sexy as hell who can stimulate me on all Is. You are what you eat.

#### IN SEARCH OF BI FEMME

I'm 28, exotic looking, br/br, fit and tall, into working out. Exotic dancer, very sexy, spontaneous and outgoing, looking for bi temale who is fun and sexy. No heavies please. 4518

IN SEARCH OF SUBMISSIVE FEMME GBF aggressive ISO submissive femme that I can spoil, pamper and romance. If this sounds like you, do not hesitate to respond.

#### INDEPENDENT IN BRONX

I'm a Hispanic female from the Bronx, 5'4", 140#, tan complexion, shoulder-length hair, feminine, looking for someone very feminine, independent and fun-loving. 4575

#### ISO SOULMATE

Beautiful PR femme fatale desires friendship and romance w/ a truly beautiful woman who is intelligent, articulate and responsible. I'm balanced, mind, body and soul, and desire someone sexy as hell who can stimulate me on all levels. You are what you eat. 4647

#### JAMAICAN FEMALE SEEKS BISEXUAL

BF, calling because I'm bicurious, looking for someone w/ same interests to have fun and hang out and become good friends. 4563

#### JERSEY GIRL

I'm a 22, single Hispanic female seeking female to hang out and have fun, friends first. 4648

#### LATIN LOVER

I'm 19, PR/Jamaican, 5'1", 145#, looking for femme, 19-28, to hang out and have fun with.

#### LET ME BE YOUR ESCORT

I'm 5'8", 140#, ISO a lady. I'd like to escort her to dinner, theater, quiet times at home, social gatherings. I'm self-dependent, you be too and know what direction you're going in, seeking LTR. Could this be you? 4642

#### LET'S BE FRIENDS

Looking for a best friend, 31, mildly disabled Latina looking Vfor sincere, fun-loving genuine partner. Must be drugs and disease free and non-smoker.

#### LET'S HOOK UP

I'm looking to hook up w/ a nice young lady, no butches, who is professional. 4539

#### LET'S SMOKE A BLUNT

I'm a humorous, full-figured black/Hispanic female, 18, 5'5", 185#, nicely shaped, looking for friends to hang out for clubs, seeking femme aggressive or soft butch. 4528

#### LIPSTICK LESBIAN WANTED

I'm 27, looking for a lipstick lesbian to have the ultimate fun with. 4626

#### LOOKING FOR A BI FEMME

I'm 28, bisexual femme, very outgoing, exotic-looking, toned and fit. I'm searching for another bi femme, 25-31, also sexy, fun, laid-back and spontaneous. No heavies please, all calls answered. 4629

#### LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP

Young Hispanic feminine female from the Bronx, looking for female for friendship and possibly more. 4641

#### LOOKING FOR REAL LOVE

I'm a femme aggressive lesbian Hispanic female looking for friends and possibly a relationship. Seeking PR lesbian femmes, 5'5" or under, 150# or less. 4568

#### LOOKING FOR ROMANCE

I'm 18, nice femme looking for nice butch to treat me real good. Wine me, dine me and go out. 4617

#### LOOKING FOR SOMEONE EXCITING

I'm looking for someone exciting and fun to hang out with, dancing, movies, dinner. I'm outgoing, looking to make someone laugh and feel comfortable. 4519

#### LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

Very hot and attractive, fullfigured GWF, 35, seeks similar soft white butch, 35-40, who likes romantic candlelight evenings, quiet walks in Manhattan, music and dancing, loves Harley Davidsons, leather and hanging out, having a wild, crazy time. 4635

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL Very hot and attractive GWF, 35, seeks soft butch/butch, 35-40, who loves romantic candlelight evenings, quiet walks, Harleys, leather and eagles, and having a really great time. 4577

#### LOOKING FOR SPECIAL LADY

'm a gay female from the Bronx, 23, light skin, Brazilian/Cuban, 5'2", 130#, long reddish blonde hair, pretty,

intelligent, looking for a very special lady. 4549

#### LOVE TO BE SPOILED

I'm looking to be pampered. 4628

#### LOVELY FROM THE BRONX

I'm a bi female, 20, from the Bronx, looking to have fun, meet some friends to hang out. 4536

#### MAGIC TONGUE

I'm a warm, loving, caring, devoted person, not into mind games. I love cooking, dancing, walks in the park, movies, candle lit dinners, board games. I'm 44, from Brooklyn, br/br, cutest little face on this earth I've been told. I have a heart made of gold. My specialty is lovemaking along w/ many other things. 4618

#### MANHATTAN'S MOST WANTED

I'm a black/West Indian female from Manhattan, 5'5', golden caramel complexion, round cute face, straight white teeth, soft lips, bl/br, 40 DD, 38" waist, shapely, energetic, creative and attractive, seeking mature women only. Soft butches and aggressive females, no bi's, tri's, femmes or men. 4594

#### MASTER DESIGNER

GWF, 38, master designer of champagne and roses romance seeks Hispanic femme who possesses the good sense to appreciate this warm, sincere, witty romantic, 5'5", soft butch. 4620

#### MATURE WOMAN WANTED

I'm 49, looking for an emotionally developed, friendly woman counterpart. Must be independent. I offer friends, travel, joy and ultimately a possible soulmate. 4619

#### MORTE-SAISON

Charismatic individual seeks solvent woman who's looking for a companion for discreet outings, private events, public affairs or simply a glass of wine. I'm sane, w/ a strong literary background, creative, Slavic-looking and tall, you're single, sophisticated and looking for a quality individual to share time with. Europeans A+ 4567

#### **NEED A SPANKING**

I've been a very bad girl, I need you to spank me, grab my pussy, grab my titties, do whatever you want to do. Beat my ass until it's red. I'm 5'7" 125#, fit and beautiful and all woman. 4562

#### **ONLY SINCERE NEED APPLY**

Are you caring, warm, welleducated, intellectual, professional, socially wellrounded, creative and

affectionate? Do you enjoy music, opera, movies, museums and are real, down-to-earth and interested in LTR7 So am I, 40. mixed race, in Manhattan.

#### OPEN-MINDED GIRL

I'm 23, 5'2', 130#, light skin, open-minded, good-looking and very spontaneous. 4550

#### PETITE FEMME SEEKING SAME

I'm a petite femme seeking the same. I'm Italian, long dark curly brown hair, light eyes, professional dancer, love movies, dinner, being with friends, intimate long talks, seeking friendship that may develop into a relationship.

#### PLAYMATE WANTED

I'm 21, Eastern Indian bi female ISO an exotic woman w/ big breasts and ass, but not fat, 20-25, to play with myself and a mate and we'll feed you. 4606

#### PLEASURE SEEKING

I've been in the life four years, and can't find a girl to make me cum in bed. If you're a femme, 22-30, and think you're the one, give me a call. I'm 26 and beautiful. 4554

#### PR FEMME FEMALE

PRF from the Branx, 5'4", 140#, tan complexion, br/br, looking for someone very feminine w/ good head on her shoulders, independent and fun-loving. 4576

#### PRETTY BISEXUAL

I'm 5'7", 125#, dark hair, hazel eyes, juicy lips, long sexy legs, pretty and slim, looking for the same for fun, friendship and really good times. I'm bisexual, no men, couples, butches or full-figured women. 4561

#### ROMEO, JULIET'S WAITING

I'm a butter pecan Rican, 22, 5'7", 165#, ISO Hispanics, Italians and Native Americans, 21-27. No bi-curious, bisexuals, strictly tomboyish aggressive for clubs, movies and just chillin'. Must like kids, be D&D free. 4513

#### SATISFY MY CURIOSITY

I'm 28, full-figured bi Latina, from the Bronx, have had one female experience but still curious. I'm looking for that special lady, hopefully it's you. 4600

#### SEE, I PICK MY FRIENDS

See, I pick my friends like I pick my fruit...New in town, gay attractive Asian-American, 27, independent, intellectual, stylish w/ inner and outer beauty would like to meet same in gay African-American classic natural beauty who lives and

eclectic mix of Erykah Badu. Laurya Hill and Ma'shell N'Degeocallo, Must be grounded, educated, D&D free No butches or bi's. 4604

#### SEEKING FEMININE BY FEMALE

29, Latin beauty looking for other bisexual girlfriends. I'm 5%, sexy, attractive, full-figured and into having a lot of fun seeking smart, outgoing ladies, 20-30. Latin and white A. 4557

#### SEEKING FEMME

I'm a soft butch looking for love. hopefully you're as sery as I am. 4638

#### SEEKING LATINA FEMINE

Seeking single Latina femme, 35, 5'9", Greek, spontaneous. successful, romantic, D&D free You are a Latina beauty, 25-35, intelligent, independent, caring, interested in friends first, possible LTR. No games or bi's.

#### SEEKING ROMANCE

I'm 5'8', live alone, seriously seeking a romantic, a lady to wine, dine and take out for a good time and a LTR. I'm 140#. employed and I live alone. I'm only missing you. 4643

#### SEXUAL MAGIC

I woman into S&M sex and grassroots politics seeking intelligent, sober women to play with. I'm usually dominant, interested in submissive or switchable women for conversation, playing and semipublic scenes. No smokers or perfume users, allergies are not negotiable. 4650

#### SEXY WHITE FEMALE

I'm 30, single WF, bisexual, attractive, feminine, dark hair, green eyes, 5'Z', 112#, looking for very attractive bi or gay female, intelligent, white and non-smoker, 4548

#### SINCERELY TRUTHFUL AND LOVING

I'm looking for friendship and more. 4613

#### TAKE ME OUT THE CLOSET

I'm 22, live in Brooklyn, looking for friends to go clubbing and go to bars with. If you're seeking the same, let me know 4541

#### WHERE ARE YOU?

I need you, where are you? Let's go together, laugh together and grow old together. That's what I want. I'm 33, 5'9', 159#, very attractive and aggressive femme. 4522

#### YOUNG, ATTRACTIVE FEMME

I'm 21, femme, PR calling from the Bronx, 5'1', 135#, attractive and looking to meet other females. 4622

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## horascope



MAR 20TH-APR 19TH

ARIES Life is full of fun surprises this week. Accept all challenges that are thrown your way. It's fine for you to act like a damned fool. In fact, your friends want you to! Your fan club gets bigger and bigger. A Virgo jumps on the "you're fabulous!" bandwagon. You can act like a wolf this week because you don't take your own hype too seriously. Now go forth and be playful, you vixen you.



APR 20TH-MAY 19TH

TAURUS This the time for you to pursue your long-term goals. But don't do it all on your own. A divine collaborator could enter your life this week. If you are thinking of making a significant change in your career, now's the time to put your money where your mouth is. December 11 is the best day this week to sign contracts (or kiss a Gemini). That's when Mercury goes direct after three annoying weeks in retrograde.



MAY 20TH-JUN 20TH

GEMINI Don't sabotage your well-laid plans, darling. If you are having doubts about your dreams, please, don't give them up! Talk to your confidence and gain a greater sense of confidence in yourself. A Taurus can help you find inner strength as well as your pleasure zone. This is a wild week for love, sweetie. You can accomplish a lot with your hands tied behind your back.



JUN 21ST-JUL 22ND

cancer You know how to get what you need this week, dearie, but do you have the first clue as to what you want? Listen to your libido, but don't act on it, at least not yet. Enjoy the game of seduction. A Scorpio loves to play cat and mouse with you. Keep changing your role. Consider taking an exciting trip while lucky Jupiter is still in your house of travel (till February). Let your sexiness shine through, like, all over the world!



JUL 23RD-AUG 22ND

**LEO** Romantic opportunities abound this week, dear Leo. You have that certain something, and all the gals want to rub up against you to feel it. Another Leo could bring you to the heights of ecstasy. But a small crash is bound to happen, too. Try not to overdramatize much, dear girl. Put that neurotic energy into your creative pursuits. Hit the stage and tell your story to fans, as well as critics.



AUG 23RD-SEP 22ND

VIRGO Let yourself do something wild and crazy this week, Virgo, but don't tell anyone about it. It's okay to be a little sly and undercover. Surprise yourself and your number-one gal with an explosion of hot sexual vibes on December 11. That's when Mercury, your ruler, goes out of retrograde. Your powers of persuasion can lead to a fascinating night of lust with a Capricorn. Be subtle, sweetie.



SEP 23RD-OCT 22ND

LIBRA You have the ability to turn water to wine—and a cold, withholding Aries into a hot and hungry lover. Take all work problems in stride this week. You are Ms. Fix It and have no reason to worry about your future. Life is strangely easy this week when you act like you don't give a damn. While Saturn is moving in retrograde in your house of love, play it cool and have some patience. Hysterics are not your style.



OCT 23RD-NOV 22ND

SCORPIO This is a good week for you to deal more in the physical realm. You need some good loving and nice clothes on your back. Play the part of the capitalist pig. A Cancer is turned on by your bottom line. When Mercury goes out of retrograde on December 11, you should go after what you want with full force, whether it's a better job or the best babe. Life is sweet if you don't psyche yourself out.



NOV 23RD-DEC 19TH

sagittarius This is a positively outrageous week for you, Sag. A bazillion planets are in your sign this week, so roll the dice and gamble on yourself. You know what you want, and she knows it, too. Be aggressive on the streets and between the sheets, especially if you're courting a cute Libra. On the work front, you are in for a major change that will bring you extra riches and glory. Prepare, and keep working your butt off.



DEC 20TH-JAN 19TH

CAPRICORN The moon will be in your house of love on December 5, so be sure to wear something extra slutty when you go out. An Aquarius would love to take you home. Your family may be a bit needy this week. Try to be patient with them. Life is full of small challenges, but it's your inner life that really matters. How are you feeling about your soul, damn it? It's up to you to make your life more meaningful.



JAN 20TH-FEB 19TH

AQUARIUS Group activities are lucky for you this week, from group sex to group theater. You are at your best when you are acting outrageous in front of a wary crowd. Your mission this week is to help the gals in your life to loosen up and lose some of their inhibitions. A Sagittarius is waiting for you to make a move on her in public. Don't disappoint the girl. This is the week for you to break all the rules.



FEB 20TH-MAR 19TH

PISCES You and your love object could go to hell and back this week. And somewhere in between, you'll find heaven, or at least a hot love session—or two, or three, or four. The more tortured you feel, the better you are in bed. Isn't life funny sometimes? Another Pisces is totally into you, but also expects you to grow up. I know it's a tall order, but this might be the week that you rise to the occasion.

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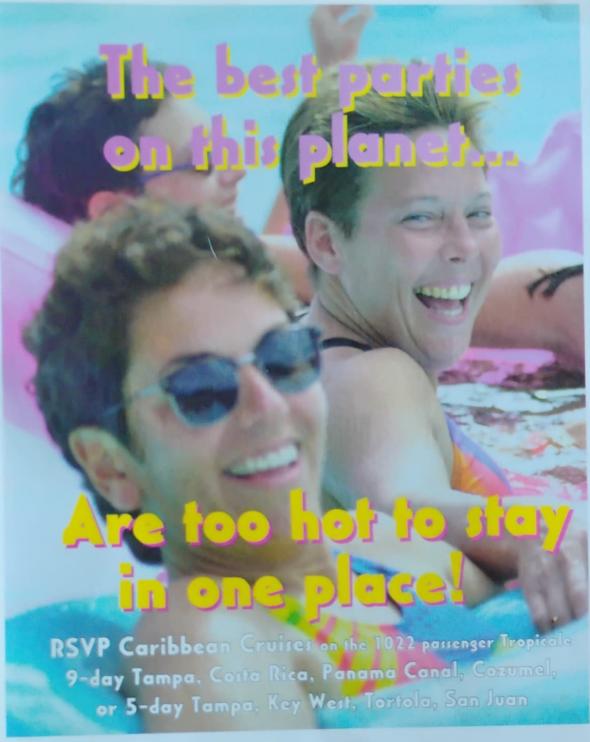
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